

**Report of:** Head of Stronger Communities

**Report to:** Inner South Community Committee:  
Beeston & Holbeck, Hunslet & Riverside, Middleton Park

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**Inner South Community Committee - Update Report**

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**Purpose of report**

1. To bring to members' attention an update of the work which the Communities Team is engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provides opportunities for further questioning, or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.
2. This report provides regular updates on some of the key activities between Community Committee meetings and functions delegated to Community Committees, Community Champions roles, community engagement, partnership and locality working.

**Main issues**

Updates by theme:

**Children and Families: Councillor Scopes**

Children and Families Sub Group Meeting

3. The Inner South Children and Families Sub Group met on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020, via Zoom.

## **Managing Outbreaks of COVID-19 in School Settings**

4. An update was submitted on behalf of LCC Public Health (Children & Families). This detailed the process for managing outbreaks of COVID-19 in school settings and the support given to families (below).

All single, cluster, outbreak or complex cases identified by an LCC nursery, school, alternative education provision, SILC or Further Education (FE) College, will be communicated to LCC Children and Families Services via DCS alert system. The school will complete the positive case of COVID-19 notification form and return to the LCC Schools Health and Safety (H&S) team. This includes a tick box where a school can request a call back from H&S team for further advice.

Single cases and clusters of cases identified by an LCC or Private, Voluntary and Independent Nursery, school, alternative education provision, or FE can be notified to the Department for Education (DfE) helpline should the school require support. The DfE will undertake a risk assessment survey and advise on the management of the single case in line with the outcome of the risk assessment.

Yorkshire & Humber Public Health England (PHE) Health Protection Team (HPT), will be notified separately through Track and Trace of any staff or student who is tested and confirmed to have COVID-19.

Special schools and boarding (residential) schools with single confirmed cases or where TWO or more children or members of staff in a setting have TESTED POSITIVE, with illness onset dates within 14 days of each other and who are known to have been in the same class or had contact with each other the setting are asked to contact Yorkshire and Humber HPT rather than the DfE helpline and they will provide support.

PHE and LCC Health Protection Team will discuss schools of concern at a weekly Incident Management meeting (IMT) or will convene a separate IMT as required. PHE Health Protection Team will work with LCC Health Protection Team, Leeds Community Healthcare (LCH) Infection Prevention Control team and other partners to ensure a coordinated response including making clear recommendations for local action to reduce the potential for wider spread and promote the use of test and trace service

LCH Infection Prevention Control Team will provide more in depth support as required and will support proactive audit of local schools Infection prevention control arrangements. Priority will be given to special schools, schools serving areas of deprivation or where community transmission levels are known to be highest

All early years, school and FE settings have been provided with guidance to assist them to deliver an appropriate response to: symptomatic children and staff, those who have tested positive and possible outbreaks.

Resources have been produced in a variety of languages spoken across Leeds, highlighting COVID-19 prevention messages. Key information has been developed for children and families and distributed to homes across the city. This includes advice on how to access support if you or someone in your household has been told to self-isolate, how to stay healthy and active, how to take care of yourself and stay connected.

### **Virtual Youth Summit Offer**

5. In addition to the above information, there was an update on the **virtual youth summit offer** from the communities team, which was offered as a standard format for all 10 committees, with the aim of as many schools as possible taking part. Colleagues in the corporate voice and influence team and the communities team, will support the event. The event would ideally take place by the end of February 2021, so that young peoples' feedback could be captured and fed into the March committee meeting.

Members and partners had some suggestions for the Inner South event, including:

- To personalise the Inner South event
  - A climate change theme
  - To capture young peoples' suggestions for the event
  - To incorporate young peoples' videos
  - To provide a prize/incentive
  - To be able to support (via wellbeing) practical projects, especially environmental
  - Ways of encouraging hard to reach young people to engage with the above suggestions
  - A working group to meet as soon as possible to progress the project.
6. Following the sub group meeting, a Youth Summit working group has been arranged and will take place on: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 (via Zoom).
  7. The next sub group meeting will be on: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 (via Zoom).

### **Environment and Community Safety: Councillors: Cllr Gabriel (Environment), Cllr Iqbal (Community Safety)**

#### Environment and Community Safety Sub Group

8. The Inner South Environmental and Community Safety Sub Group met via Zoom on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020**.
9. Amongst the issues raised was the problem of fly tipping and measures that can be used to tackle this problem. It was suggested that promoting the bulky item collection service, both on social media and by regular leafleting of new LCC housing tenants would be useful.

10. Selective Licensing was discussed, along with the potential increases to residents' council tax and how best to promote the help available to people, especially residents with English as a second language. Selective Licensing will look at their communications strategy relating to this query and update the sub group at a later date.
11. In addition to the regular updates from the Inner South Cleaner Neighbourhood Teams and Policing teams, it was requested to also receive updates from both City Centre teams, as a large part of Hunslet & Riverside and part of Beeston & Holbeck falls into this area. Moving forward, city centre written updates will be provided.
12. As some items in the meeting related particularly to one ward, it was agreed that the agenda would be revisited by the Chair and communities team, to see if it might benefit from a refresh. A meeting has been booked in to look at this issue.
13. The next meeting of the sub group will be on the Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2021. A Zoom invitation has been sent out.

#### **Employment and Skills Update: Inner South**

14. No update this meeting – (updates are only received every 6 months)

#### **Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Councillors: Cllr Truswell (Health & Wellbeing) and Cllr Almass (Adult Social Care)**

##### Belle Isle and Middleton Third Sector COVID Response Group

15. The Belle Isle and Middleton Third Sector COVID Response group was established in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The group has met three times and meetings are scheduled in for the next 3 months to provide ongoing support to organisations working in the area. The aim of the group is to bring together third sector organisations from across the area to look at how they work effectively together and join up to best support residents to access services and activities at this time.

The group has proved popular with the organisations involved and the involvement of Voluntary Action Leeds is a real asset as up to date funding information can be provided on a regular basis. The sustainability and resilience of the Third Sector is a priority in the city and the work taking place in Belle Isle and Middleton is seen as a very positive step forwards in relation to this.

##### COVID-19 focused work

16. Within Leeds there is a 'go to' page which provides details for all the testing opportunities available across the city. This site is regularly updated with details including the locations and timings of the Mobile Testing Units.  
<https://www.leedsccg.nhs.uk/health/coronavirus/#where-can-i-go-for-testing>.

In addition to this there is a local response to testing with a pop up facility that is moved to meet demand. The centre has been based at Bilal Centre in Harehills, Mandela Centre in Chapeltown and is currently operating out of Little London Community Centre.

The Public Health locality specialists were involved in the city-wide response to increasing rates across the district and were instrumental in establishing the pop-up COVID testing facility and contributed to the location of local offer testing sites in both Middleton and Beeston Hill. A team of door knockers has been linked to the pop up with the key role of providing information to those living in the area about the facility and encouraging testing where needed. Coordination of this outreach response has been led by the two specialists for the area, working with various geographically based partners, both in Inner South and Inner East

A food-provision mapping exercise was undertaken during the summer, initiated by the locality specialists when it became apparent that data collected city wide on food parcel provision, was providing incomplete data on food need. This mapping of food provision revealed the tremendous efforts of our voluntary sector partners who were procuring food from across the district and engaging businesses for food donations. This mapping exercise informed the city wide food response and was gratefully received by the teams involved.

### Better Together

17. The Better Together providers have continued delivering food parcels, making welfare calls and offering emotional support to those people in need. Some groups had moved from an online platform to physical delivery with success; a lot of groups were offering a mixed delivery method of online and physical for those service users who had lost confidence in venturing outside and those who were apprehensive.

Responding to the announcement of a November national lockdown the majority of groups will revert to online delivery once more, with one group offering mental health support, remaining open to 6 service users.

Hamara are continuing in their role as the Community Care Hub for Middleton Park ward area. Although demand for the service, as offered during the spring and into the summer have reduced according to the data collected.

In addition to this the team recognised the need to include 'door stop' visits to those people not responding to digital invitations to connect and those known to be digitally excluded. This offer has been very well received. The team have also been pivotal in the Public Health Outreach response and have door distributed leaflets with safety messages to every household in the Middleton Park ward area as well as door knocking to invite any questions residents may have on staying safe, regulations and in cases just having a welcome chat. The response from the residents was overwhelming positive with many residents thanking them for their time and caring response.

The team have now moved their efforts into Hunslet and Riverside ward. Here, they trialled targeting a primary school and spoke to parents waiting to collect children. A majority of these parents were unclear of the safety messages and how to stay safe and guidance on self-isolation. The team were able to answer any questions and compliance with the safety messages has increased. Because of this success, other schools will be approached to ascertain need alongside food banks.

## Your Space

18. During quarter 2 monitoring period (July-September), Your Space began the transition of moving groups from digital to face to face. This move has been met with some trepidation by community members who reported uncertainty on socialising rules. However the outdoor activities have been successful, examples include the LS10 Dino Explorer, Plant Pals & associated craft group (sun printing). Participants enjoyed face to face connections in informal settings and gave feedback that the out of hour's provision fit well with their timetables. The outdoors engagement with nature and socialising aspects had a very positive impact upon the participant's overall wellbeing, and the opportunity (for some groups) to have some refreshments afterwards proved to be very popular. Feedback has been consistently positive.

Measured outcomes of the project continue to show a positive trend. 92% reporting improved mental health outcomes; 69% reporting a positive social experience; 77% reporting feeling more connected; 88% having increased their knowledge on services and resources and 87% taking action to improve their mental wellbeing.

Your Space delivered 31 training sessions this quarter covering food and mood, sleep, exercise and meditation. 96% of attendees reported having learnt something new.

Your Space continue to have a strong social media presence which has grown considerably during the first lockdown into the summer. There are now over 1700 followers of Your Space accessing their YouTube channel, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts, Twitter being the preferred option.

## Health Needs Assessments

19. The Localities and Primary Care team in the Public Health Department undertook two comprehensive health needs assessments (HNA) during the latter part of 2019, into early 2020. These HNA focused on the priority neighbourhoods of Beeston Hill and Holbeck. Included with the HNA is information on the wider determinants of health, data held by GP's on the common conditions, data and intelligence garnered from commissioned services focusing specifically on children and adults, including childhood obesity and access to drugs and alcohol misuse services.

The HNA captured the views of key stakeholders with an asset and health focus. Finally the HNA asked the residents for their opinions on what influenced health in their area, what was good about life living there and what was the challenges of living in the respective areas. Residents were invited to suggest ways to improve

health and in turn rated these ideas. Full copies of the report can be requested from [Nicola.kellyjohnson@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:Nicola.kellyjohnson@leeds.gov.uk)

### Beeston and Middleton Local Care Partnership (LCP)

20. First convened during the spring, it is now an established group of professionals working in the inner south area. Membership of the group includes Leeds City Council, primary care and our voluntary sector partners. The group is chaired on a rotational basis between the Clinical Director of the Middleton Primary Care Network (PCN), the Clinical Director of Beeston PCN, Public health and the Beeston and Middleton LCP Manager.

There are currently two sub groups, one aiming to increase digital inclusion among older people and the other focusing on addressing mental health and wellbeing.

As part of a season focus the LCP hosted a winter wellbeing subgroup where public health presented information on the Flu' campaign the data behind the focus and the impact on health if not addressed. The feedback from the workshops was positive and resulted in new networks forming.

### Physical Activity

#### **Physical Activity Ambition Progress update November 2020**

21. The ambition is for Leeds to be the most active city in England. This is outlined in the Leeds Health and Wellbeing Strategy 'get more people, more physically active, more often' and is a key component of reaching our vision to be a healthy and caring city where people who are the poorest improve their health the fastest.

As part of the development of the new 'Physical Activity Ambition' a city wide conversation 'Get Set Leeds' started in January 2019. 'Get Set Leeds' is the name of the proactive engagement campaign, aimed at encouraging a city-wide conversation about physical activity. It is a chance for people to share ideas on what getting active means to them and what might support them to move more. It follows the conversation started at the Big Leeds Chat and focuses on identifying assets, barriers and co-producing solutions.

Engagement with the people of Leeds and professionals took place between January – December 2019 through a variety of targeted approaches. This is the largest-ever study completed (in Leeds) around the importance of physical activity in the lives of over 4000 residents covering all Leeds postcode areas.

These conversations will shape a shared ambition for Leeds to get more people, moving more, more often, driving a radical cultural shift in the take up of physical activity. This shared ambition and associated work programmes will be co-produced at all levels. It will also require the long term promotion and consistent messaging of physical activity over months, years and decades.

From the analysis of these conversations (led by Leeds Beckett University) five key messages were identified:

- **Most people want to be physically active but find it hard to be** – motivation isn't enough
- **People do not feel their environment makes it easy to be active**– this includes having space to move and be active in, feeling safe in the places around us, access to transport and child-care, good air quality and local information
- **Inactive people want to be active, but feel they aren't able to be or don't know where to start** - People worry about their basic needs before they can think about being active (e.g. access to housing, employment, food, education, technology, and good health)
- **The following target groups were identified:**
  - People with disabilities and/or long-term conditions
  - Women
  - 14-24 year olds
  - Asian and 'Other' ethnic minority groups
  - LGBT groups
- **Small changes to how capable people feel can lead to big changes in physical activity levels** - for everyone in Leeds to be more active, it is important they feel they can be.

The full Get Set Leeds Conversation Report can be sent on request.

The next steps to develop the Physical Activity Ambition is to produce an action plan with people who live and work in Leeds based on four key ideas taken from WHO Global Action Plan on Physical Activity 2018-2030:

- **ACTIVE SOCIETY** – In Leeds I see people like me being physically active, and people around me make it easier for me to be physically active.  
Leeds will create a social norm where it is the easiest choice to be physically active every day.
- **ACTIVE ENVIRONMENT** - In Leeds I am surrounded by things that make it easy and obvious for me to be active.  
We will work with people to understand the external drivers affecting their physical activity levels
- **ACTIVE PEOPLE** - In Leeds I feel able to be active every day.  
We will work with identified target groups to create small changes to how capable they feel to be physically active every day and test new ways of working.
- **ACTIVE SYSTEMS** - Leeds will work with people and in partnership with others to create a healthier place, a greener city and a stronger local economy; focusing together on “place making”, where all our neighbourhoods have the space and connectivity to enable moving more and can prioritise sustainable mobility.

A summary of the report, key findings and next steps can be found through this animation:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zyqCyft9YWU&list=PLggQFipTLgpljQS5E4NGDyJqmHq1-E0nS&index=18>

### Stay Well This Winter Grants

22. A grants panel was held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020 in relation to this year's Stay Well This Winter Small Grants. Applicants have now been informed of the outcome of their applications and 19 groups/agencies were successful in gaining funding for additional activities over the winter period. The grants pot was worth £53,000 with Holbeck Together, Hamara Healthy Living Centre and Basis in partnership with Joanna Project getting a share for the South Leeds area. Further information will be provided on the successful projects in the next report.

### **Enhancing Access to Community Public Access Defibrillators (CPADs) Progress Report (City-Wide)**

23. Inner South as a collective was allocated 8 defibrillator cabinets through this programme of work. Currently 7 of these 8 units have now been successfully installed, through consultation with elected members, and the collaboration of community venues in the areas. Below is a breakdown of the status according to ward:

#### **Beeston & Holbeck**

Beeston & Holbeck was allocated 4 defibrillator cabinets through this programme of work.

- **Cottingley Community Centre.**  
This was successfully installed on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020
- **St Andrew's Church Hall.**  
This was successfully installed on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020
- **Holbeck Together**  
This was successfully installed on 2<sup>nd</sup> July

All three of the above devices have been fully registered with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service, with suitable Guardians established at each location.

The final installation for Beeston and Holbeck is:

- **Beeston Library** - The library is currently undergoing a refurbishment, and the installation will be scheduled to fit in with the work on site. After speaking with the team doing the refurbishment, it is anticipated that this will be late September / early October.

#### **Middleton Park:**

Middleton Park was allocated 4 defibrillator cabinets through this programme of work.

- **Belle Isle Working Men's Club**

- This was successfully installed on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020
- **Greedy Monkeys Café**  
This was successfully installed on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020
  - **St Cross Parish Church**  
This was successfully installed on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020
  - **St George's One stop Centre**  
This was successfully installed on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020

All of the above devices have been fully registered with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service, with suitable Guardians established at each location.

## **Inner South CIL Funded Defibrillators**

### **24. Hunslet & Riverside ward**

15 defibrillators were approved by the committee, to be installed at venues in the ward suggested by Hunslet & Riverside ward members.

So far defibrillators have been installed at:

- **Al-Madina Mosque, (Bangladeshi Centre)**
- **Woodhouse Hill Community Centre**
- **The Hunslet Club**
- **Gurdawara (Guru Nanak)**
- **Church of the Nazarene**
- **H2010 Housing Development**
- **Hunslet Community Hub**

All of the above devices are currently in the progress of being registered with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service, with suitable Guardians being confirmed at each location.

The other 8 locations are still in progress and are all at different stages. Updates will be given to members at regular intervals.

Whilst it is to be hoped that the defibrillators would never need to be used, the Hunslet Club defibrillator has already saved a life – please see the article below:

[https://southleedslife.com/hunslet-clubs-defibrillator-comes-to-the-aid-of-local-business/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+SouthLeedsLife+%28South+Leeds+Life%29](https://southleedslife.com/hunslet-clubs-defibrillator-comes-to-the-aid-of-local-business/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+SouthLeedsLife+%28South+Leeds+Life%29)

### **Middleton Park**

25. The committee approved 2 additional defibrillators for this ward, at venues to be suggested by Middleton Park members.

**Sainsburys**, (near Middleton Park Circus) was due to be installed in the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and we are currently awaiting confirmation on this, with the final location suggested (**Belle Isle Stores**), still in progress.

## **Community Engagement:**

### **Community Engagement – Beeston & Holbeck ward**

26. Residents were invited to the first virtual Holbeck Residents meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and heard updates from services and partners working in the local area.

The first part of the meeting was dedicated to discussions about the Managed Approach, which also included updates from the local Policing team.

An update from the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team highlighted concerns around an increase in fly tipping in the Beeston Holbeck ward.

The second part of the meeting focused on the range of activities available to residents living in and around the Holbeck area over the winter period. This included an update from Slung Low who also discussed their new Emergency Story Penguin book and Active Leeds who provided an insight into a recently funded project called Get Set Leeds- Local.

Virtual residents meetings for Beeston & Cottingley are also coming soon.

Articles for a good news newsletter, for residents in the Holbeck priority neighbourhood are currently being received from partners and we hope we can go to print in the next few weeks.

### **Community Engagement - Hunslet & Riverside Ward**

27. Following lockdown in March, 5 virtual residents Zoom meetings have been hosted by the Hunslet & Riverside Councillors in collaboration LCC service partners, Police and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector community leaders. The decision to go online was driven by the wish to keep up with the momentum of engagement activities and build on connections that have been established with community members.

Meetings have been held for residents in the Beeston Hill, Hunslet Moor and Hunslet Green & Whitfields areas with one planned for Leeds Dock Residents on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020. The meetings provided local residents and businesses an opportunity to raise issues and have conversations with their ward councillors, police and council services. They were well received by residents.

28. Ward Councillors, Communities Officers, Cleaner Neighborhoods' officers and partners are putting plans in place to segment Beeston Hill into hyper local areas so

we can target the key issues such as litter, fly tipping, domestic waste and missed bin collections in each more specifically. This will complement community development and education work and multi-agency action days in each zone. It is anticipated this will be carried out post lockdown. In the meantime, work will continue to identify the priority for each area and enable a geographically targeted approach.

## **Community Engagement - Middleton Park Ward**

### **Improving the New Forest Village Plantations**

29. The Plantations is a multi-functional woodland located at the southern boundary of the New Forest Village housing estate in Middleton. As part of our continued effort to improve local greenspaces, Middleton Park ward members and Leeds City Council's Parks and Countryside Team are looking to make improvements to the Plantations, to ensure this space remains well used and enjoyed by the local community.

To ensure the most effective and appropriate improvements are carried out, a community walkabout and consultation was scheduled for mid-October. However, due to the city's rising COVID-19 infection rate these sessions had to be cancelled. Committed to understanding the experiences and views of the local community, Middleton Park ward members commissioned a postal survey to be sent to over 500 homes situated adjacent to the Plantations. Furthermore, in order to capture the views of those that travel to use the Plantations, the survey was also replicated on the online platform Smart Survey and shared via social media.

To date, we've received over 195 responses to the online survey alone and will begin to evaluate the responses after the survey deadline of Friday 20th November. Once evaluated, an online community meeting will be held to feed back the results of the survey and the subsequent proposed improvement works.

### **Hate Crime Awareness Week**

30. National Hate Crime Awareness Week ran from 10<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> October, and in Middleton the Communities Team used this opportunity to team up with West Yorkshire Police to leaflet hate crime 'hot spots' in the ward. Over 100 homes and 10 shops were provided with key information on what hate crime is and how to report it.

### **Love Where You Live: Belle Isle & Middleton**

#### **Westwood's working group**

31. The Westwood's Working Group met in September to discuss various estate and environmental improvement initiatives for the area. Partners discussed the ways in which the pandemic had affected certain initiatives including multi-agency led litter

picks and environmental days. As a result, Westwood's Primary School were encouraged to submit an application to the Housing Advisory Panel for their own litter picking equipment. Their application was successful, allowing school pupils from the school to continue caring for their environment during the pandemic.

Encouraging young people to take pride in their area and care for the environment is a key focus of the Westwood's Working Group and September's meeting provided an opportunity for Westwood's Primary School to link in with LCC's woodland creation initiative, giving the pupils the opportunity to get involved in local seed collecting sessions. Going forward, Westwood's Working Group will explore setting up a 'good news' letter as a way to share key information and service updates with local residents.

### Middleton Park Fishpond

32. Visitors to Middleton Park have increased since the start of the pandemic. Whilst the increased use of the park is celebrated, there has also been a rise in tensions between various interest groups and concerns over damage and injury to local wildlife.

Most notably, tensions have risen in relation to fishing at Middleton Park pond, after several reports of signets becoming caught in discarded fishing line. Ward members have agreed that the above issues need further exploration and Councillor Groves has led several stakeholder meetings to understand the concerns and needs of the various groups and park users.

Also in a bid to reduce these tensions, plus the negative impact on wildlife, a Community Committee grant was approved at the Inner South Consultative Forum on October 14<sup>th</sup> 2020.

This grant will be used to supply and deliver a boat, anchor, mooring rope and life jackets (x 3). It will also be used to buy a storage facility for the boat. It would also be used to buy in boat use and safety training from LCC Sailing Centre, Yeadon.

This will help in managing the Middleton Park fishpond for wildlife, anglers and other visitors and would allow park staff to access hard to reach areas of the fishpond to remove snapped fishing line and other pieces of litter and undertake vegetation management works.

### **Community Engagement: Social Media and Newsletter**

33. **Appendix 1**, provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for the Inner South Community Committee Facebook page and COVID-19 ward groups.

### **Community Engagement**

## Priority Neighbourhoods and Targeted Wards

### Beeston and Holbeck

#### **Holbeck Core Group**

34. The Holbeck Core Group held a meeting via Zoom on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020.
35. The first part of the meeting was facilitated by colleagues from Active Leeds. Active Leeds have been successful in securing funding from Sport England for the 'Tackling Inactivity – Get Set Leeds - Local' project which will focus on four localities within Leeds that are all within the top 1% for deprivation (Index of Multiple Deprivation) nationally.
- The core group meeting provided an opportunity for partners to come together and look at how this funding can make the best impact in the area and how we ensure that all the communities we work with can access the opportunities. The overall objective of the project is to develop systematic and sustainable changes in physical activity levels using a co-production approach. The project will engage with the lived experience and challenges for individuals in those localities and build meaningful engagement.
36. An officer from Highways attended and provided an update on the £1 million **Streets for People** project being developed which aims to improve the Recreations area of the priority neighbourhood in Holbeck. Three drop-in community engagement events took place earlier in the year and comments received at the sessions will be taken into account when developing the scheme further, before a formal consultation process begins. The next stage is to distribute a letter to all households in the area as part of the consultation on the proposals. Work is expected to start on site in the New Year.
37. Details were also provided on the two cycle routes currently under construction in Holbeck as part of the City Connect Cycle highway.
38. Updates were also received at the meeting on the Community Connector project and the support work with new migrants in the area and from the Volunteer Care Hub for the area in regards to the continuing food and wellbeing support for local residents.

### Middleton Park

#### **Belle Isle and Middleton Neighbourhood Improvement Board (NIB)**

#### Your Space

39. Belle Isle and Middleton NIB met in October 2020 and provided a great platform for partners to discuss the ways in which the preventative mental health initiative: Your Space could be developed and promoted in the ward.

Since then, Your Space has linked up with several community partners including Linking Leeds, Health for All, Manorfield Hall foodbank and BITMO to explore how the initiative could support and empower the communities they serve, particularly through the pandemic.

## Hunslet & Riverside

### **Beeston Hill Core Group.**

40. A Zoom meeting, to be held in the near future, is currently in the planning stages. Core Group members will be notified of the new date in due course.

### **Local Centres Programme (LCP)**

41. As with so many aspects since COVID-19, helping the local centres has required new ways of working. The priority has been providing information to our businesses beyond the city centre on how to remain viable and positive during these awful times. A key part of this is the Communities Neighbourhood Centres officer providing updates to traders groups and all other businesses for whom email details are known. Generally these have gone out weekly, however in peak times such as the introduction of a new lockdown they are more frequent. This is currently underway with one going out on Friday 6th November and another on Monday 9th November.

While Council and Government approved help for businesses is directed to the Economic Development website, individual business concerns are directed to Neighbourhood Centres. While the details are confidential, several examples have recently arisen with businesses on Dewsbury Road and various shopping areas of Middleton Park ward.

42. Another important step is close working with City Development to ensure the district areas receive all possible support. A contemporary example is that marketing by the PR office now promotes "Shop Local" to ensure everything does not move online. Neighbourhood Centres has also worked with Economic Development on the Silver Group for business, on the Highways bronze group for street widening and pavement café approvals and with Regeneration on preparing information for Members to decide on the way forward for capital spend on LCP and TDC2.
43. Ongoing work with the private sector, on capital projects, has been halted as companies are concentrating on retaining their business and staff and unable to meet to discuss future plans. For some areas of Leeds traders groups still meet via Zoom. One such meeting has taken place with Middleton Park Town Team but it has been decided to wait till lockdowns have ended before holding more meetings. The other traders group in the area is on Dewsbury Road and here the chair has sold his business and pleasingly thinks he wishes to remain involved with the group. Another business member of the team has said he will organise the next meeting but his efforts are currently directed at coping with the new lockdown. Managers of the Penny Hill Centre are also keeping in touch.

44. To keep ahead of the curve, Neighbourhood Centres undertook a survey of vacant units in district shopping areas which was completed at the start of September. In Inner South it showed: 3 at Cross Flatts, 1 on Beeston Hill, 2 near the Tommy Wass pub, 1 on Dewsbury Road, 2 in Holbeck, 0 in Middleton Circus Shopping Centre and Belle Isle. This will enable us to assess the effects of Lockdown if a similar assessment is undertaken in the New Year.

45. The Communities Neighbourhood Centres officer is also helping investigate a Community Impact Policy in South Leeds which is being led by Public Health and the group met on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

### **Corporate Considerations**

### **Consultation and Engagement**

46. The Community Committee has, where applicable, been consulted on information detailed within the report.

### **Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration**

47. All work that the Communities Team are involved in is assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration. In addition, the Communities Team ensures that the wellbeing process for funding of projects complies with all relevant policies and legislation.

### **Council Polices and City Priorities**

48. Projects that the Communities Team are involved in are assessed to ensure that they are in line with Council and City priorities as set out in the following documents:

- Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30
- Best City Plan
- Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
- Children and Young People's Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
- Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

### **Resources and Value for Money**

49. Aligning the distribution of community wellbeing funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.

### **Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

50. There are no legal implications or access to information issues. This report is not subject to call in.

### **Risk Management**

51. Risk implications and mitigation are considered on all projects and wellbeing applications. Projects are assessed to ensure that applicants are able to deliver the intended benefits.



## **Conclusions**

52. The report provides up to date information on key areas of work for the Community Committee.

## **Recommendations**

53. The Community Committee is asked to note the content of the report and comment as appropriate.

## **Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

54. **None**

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.